

# BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Lansing, Michigan,  
April 8, 1926.

The City Council met as a Board of Canvassers by authority of Section 20 of the City Charter, and was called to order by Ald. Templeton, President of the Council.

Roll call:

Present—Alds. Christie, DeCamp, Graham, Howe, Klock, McKale, Schroh, Smith, Templeton—9.

Absent—Alds. Kircher, McComb, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Troyer, Van Dervoort—7.

The Clerk announced that a quorum of the Council was present.

By Ald. Howe—

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the Special Election held on April 5, 1926.

Carried.

## CITY CANVASSERS RETURNS

### Proposition to Adopt Voting Machines

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of adopting voting machines was 5,083, of which 1,598 were given in favor of adopting voting machines and 3,485 votes were given against adopting voting machines.

The proposition of adopting voting machines having failed to receive a majority of the votes cast in its favor, on motion of Ald. Graham, it was declared lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Alds. Christie, DeCamp, Graham, Howe, Klock, McKale, Schroh, Smith, Templeton—9.

Nays—None.

### Amendment to Sec. 102 of the City Charter

(Increasing representation of Board of Supervisors)

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of amending Sec. 102 of the City Charter was 5,009, of which 3,017 votes were given in favor of said Charter Amendment, and 1,992 votes were given against said Charter Amendment.

The proposition of amending Sec.

102 of the City Charter having received in its favor a majority of the votes cast, on motion of Ald. Howe it was declared carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Alds. Christie, DeCamp, Graham, Howe, Klock, McKale, Schroh, Smith, Templeton—9.

Nays—None.

### Amendment to Sec. 127 of the City Charter

(Increasing Salary of the Mayor)

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of amending Sec. 127 of the City Charter was 5,078 of which 2,643 votes were given in favor of said charter amendment, and 2,435 votes were given against said amendment.

The proposition of amending Sec. 127 of the City Charter having received a majority of the votes cast in its favor, on motion of Ald. Christie, it was declared carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Alds. Christie, DeCamp, Graham, Howe, Klock, McKale, Schroh, Smith, Templeton—9.

Nays—None.

### Amendment to Sec. 148 of the City Charter

(Authorizing the City Council to Issue Public Improvement Bonds)

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of amending Sec. 148 of the City Charter was 5,054, of which 2,030 votes were given in favor of said amendment, and 3,024 votes were given against said charter amendment.

The proposition to amend Sec. 148 of the City Charter having failed to receive a majority of the votes cast, on motion of Ald. Klock, it was declared defeated by the following vote:

Yeas—Alds. Christie, DeCamp, Graham, Howe, Klock, McKale, Schroh, Smith, Templeton—9.

Nays—None

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Lansing, Michigan.

Sept. 16, 1926.

The City Council met as a Board of Canvassers by authority of Section 20 of the City Charter, and was called to order by Ald. Templeton, President of the Council.

Roll call: Present — Ald. Christie, Graham, Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—10.

Absent — Ald. McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Schroh—5.

The Clerk announced that quorum of the Council was present.

By Ald. McComb—

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the special election held on September 14, 1926.

Carried.

The President of the Council appointed Aldermen VanDervoort, McComb and Troyer as a committee to tabulate the returns.

The statement from one precinct not being contained in the envelope, the Board adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock, September 20th.

The Board of Canvassers met in adjourned session and was called to order by the Mayor, Alfred H. Doughty.

Roll call: Present — Ald. Christie, Graham, Howe, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Smith, Schroh, VanDervoort—11.

Absent — Ald. Kircher, Rowley, Troyer, Templeton—4.

By Ald. VanDervoort—

That the ballot box for the 3rd Precinct of the 4th Ward be opened.

Carried.

The ballot box was opened by the Committee appointed to tabulate returns and the statement of the vote not being contained therein the ballots were counted and added to the tabulation of votes.

## CITY CANVASSERS' RETURNS

**Amendment to Section 148 of the City Charter**  
(Authorizing the City Council to issue bonds.)

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of amending Section 148 of the City Charter was 13,044, of which 5,740 votes were given in favor of said amendment and 7,304 votes were given against said amendment.

The proposition of amending Section 148 of the City Charter having failed to receive a majority of the votes cast, on motion of Ald. VanDervoort it was declared defeated by the following votes:

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas — Ald. Christie, Graham, Howe, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Schroh, Smith, VanDervoort—11.

Nays—None.

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan.  
Sept. 16, 1926.



# BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Lansing, Michigan, Nov. 4, 1926.  
The City Council met as a Board of Canvassers under authority of Section 20 of the City Charter, and was called to order by the Mayor, Alfred H. Doughty.

Roll call:

Present—Ald. Christie, Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Schroh, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—14.

Absent—Graham—1.

The Clerk announced that a quorum of the Board was present By Ald. McComb—

That Ald. Templeton be appointed Chairman of the Board.

Carried.

By Ald. Phillips—

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the election held on November 2, 1926.

Carried.

The Chair appointed Ald. McComb, Howe, Rowley, and McKale as a committee to tabulate the election returns.

## CITY CANVASSERS RETURNS

The Board of Canvassers then proceeded to canvass the vote with the following results:

### MAYOR

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Mayor was 15,278 of which 7,449 votes were cast for Alfred H. Doughty and 7,829 votes were cast for Laird J. Troyer.

Laird J. Troyer having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Howe, he was declared elected to the office of Mayor by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Schroh, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—13.

Nays—None.

### CITY TREASURER

The whole number of votes cast for the office of City Treasurer was 14,601, of which 6,919 votes were cast for Peter F. Gray and 7,682 votes were cast for Walter S. Campbell.

The larger number of votes cast having been given for Walter S. Campbell, on motion of Ald. Rowley he was declared duly elected to the office of City Treasurer by the following vote:

Yeas—Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Schroh, Smith, Templeton,

Troyer, VanDervoort—13.

Nays—None.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Justice of the Peace was 13,062, of which John McClellan received the entire number. Having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Phillips, he was declared elected Justice of the Peace by the following vote:

Yeas—Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Schroh, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—13.

Nays—None.

## CITY ASSESSOR

The whole number of votes cast for the office of City Assessor was 12,261 of which John S. Bennett received the entire number.

John S. Bennett having received the entire number of votes cast for the office of City Assessor, on motion of Ald. McKale, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Treasurer by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Schroh, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—13.

Nays—None.

## CONSTABLE

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Constable was 13,135, of which 3,924 Edward S. Clark received, J. J. Cook received 3,378 votes, and Wellington E. Niles received 899 votes, S. S. Ball received 1,492 votes and Burton H. Boone received 2,982 votes.

Edward S. Clark having received the largest number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Rowley, he was declared duly elected to the office of Constable by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—12.

Nays—None.

## ALDERMAN FOR FIRST WARD

The whole number of votes cast for alderman from the First Ward was 1,192, of which 679 votes were given for Egile D. Klock, and 234 votes for D. W. Price, and 279 votes for Lee H. Brown.

Egile D. Klock having received the



largest number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Smith he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman, First Ward, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—12.

Nays—None.

#### ALDERMAN, SECOND WARD—TO FILL VACANCY

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman to Fill Vacancy, Second Ward, was 1,517, of which Wm. E. Trager received 833 and W. F. Petrie received 684. W. E. Trager having received the largest number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Van Dervoort, he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman of Second Ward to Fill Vacancy, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—12.

Nays—None.

#### ALDERMAN FOR SECOND WARD—FULL TERM

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Second Ward, Full Term, was 1,407, of which W. E. Trager received 718, and W. F. Petrie received 689. W. E. Trager, having received the largest number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Van Dervoort, he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman, Second Ward, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—12.

Nays—None.

#### ALDERMAN FOR THIRD WARD

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Third Ward was 2,108, of which Leo J. Smith received 1,063 votes, and Robert J. Christie received 1,045 votes.

#### PETITION FOR RE-COUNT

State of Michigan,  
County of Ingham,

ss.

To the Board of City Canvassers:

The petitioner, Robert J. Christie, respectfully shows as follows:

1. That he was a candidate for the office of Councilman from the third ward in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham and State of Michigan at the election held November 2, A. D. 1926; and that he was duly and properly elected as a Councilman from said ward; that certain mis-

takes and errors were committed by the Board of Election Inspectors of the several precincts in counting the votes cast for your petitioner, Robert J. Christie, who was a candidate for Councilman from said ward.

2. That the several Board of Election Inspectors in said Ward made certain errors and mistakes in counting the votes and in computing the votes cast for your petitioner from said Ward in the manner hereinafter set forth, and that due to errors and mistakes the said board failed to credit your petitioner with votes cast at said election.

(a) That votes which should have been credited to your petitioner were credited to the other candidate in said Ward.

(b) That votes cast for your petitioner and which should have been duly credited to him were not counted, and that the board of Election Inspectors in the several precincts failed to give him credit therefor.

(c) That ballots containing votes for your Petitioner were counted as blanks and were not credited to the total number of votes received by your Petitioner.

3. That the several board of Election Inspectors in the precincts in said Ward committed other errors and mistakes in the counting of the votes cast for your Petitioner, Robert J. Christie, for the office of Councilman; that the board of Election Inspectors of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth precincts committed other errors, and mistakes hereinbefore set forth and Petitioner files this Petition that a recount may be had of the votes cast in all of the precincts above mentioned.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that the Board of City Canvassers shall recount all of the votes cast for the office of Councilman from said ward that the errors, frauds and mistakes herein mentioned be corrected.

ROBERT J. CHRISTIE,  
Petitioner.

State of Michigan  
County of Ingham,

ss.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the County of Ingham, one known to me as Robert J. Christie who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he has read the contents of the above Petition and that the same is true except as to the matters therein stated to be upon his information and belief and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

ROBERT J. CHRISTIE,



## Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of November, A. D. 1926, Bertha Ray Notary Public, Ingham County, Michigan. My commission expires January 30, 1928.

By Ald. Howe, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, VanDervoort—12.

Nays—None.

**ALDERMAN FOR FOURTH WARD**

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Fourth Ward was 2,733, of which George Hagameir received 1,784 and William Carmichael received 949.

George Hagameir having received the largest number of votes, on motion of Ald. Howe he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman for Fourth Ward, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

**ALDERMAN FOR FIFTH WARD**

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Fifth Ward was 1,915, of which Ward C. Hill received 936 votes and Alvin S. Potter 979 votes.

**PETITION FOR RE-COUNT**

To the Clerk of the Board of Canvassers, Lansing, Michigan.

I, Ward C. Hill, residing at 207 S. Eighth-st, and a candidate for Alderman from the Fifth Ward, City of Lansing, at the election of November 2, 1926, hereby petition for a recount of the votes cast for alderman in the Fifth Ward;

I give as my reason for this petition, my belief that there is a discrepancy in the counting of said votes.

The required deposit of \$10.00 is enclosed herewith.

WARD C. HILL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for Ingham County, Michigan, this 4th day of November, 1926.

BERTHA RAY,

Notary Public, Ingham County, Mich. My commission expires Jan. 30, 1928.

By Ald. Potter—

That the petition be granted.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McKomb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

**ALDERMAN FOR SIXTH WARD**

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Sixth Ward was 2,921, of which F. N. Bovee received 457 votes; George H. Rowley received 447 votes; A. E. Dymond received 383 votes; W. R. Mulholland received 109 votes; F. J. Christopher received 937 votes, and K. J. Fox 588.

F. J. Christopher having received the largest number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Rowley he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman for Sixth Ward, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

**ALDERMAN FOR SEVENTH WARD**

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Seventh Ward was 1,055, of which W. L. McComb received 628 and J. N. Austin received 427.

W. L. McComb, having received the largest number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Templeton, he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman for Seventh Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

**ALDERMAN FOR EIGHTH WARD**

The whole number of votes cast for Alderman for Eighth Ward was 869, of which Isaac N. Stevenson received 375; R. K. Stitt received 359 and A. L. Melville received 135.

Isaac N. Stevenson having received the largest number of votes, on motion of Ald. Phillips, he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman for Eighth Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

**PAVING BONDS**

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of issuing City of Lansing Paving Bonds in the sum of \$350,000.00 was 14,730, of which 9,158 votes were cast in favor of said bond issue, and 5,572 votes were given against said bond issue.

The proposition of issuing Paving Bonds in the sum of \$350,000 having votes in its favor, on motion of Ald. Phillips, it was declared duly carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer,



RECEIVED the necessary number of Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

### BRIDGE BOND ISSUE

The whole number of votes cast on the proposition of issuing City of Lansing Bridge Bonds in the sum of \$100,000.00 to construct bridge over Grand River at Saginaw-st. was 14,663, of which 8,675 votes were cast in favor of said bond issue, and 5,988 votes were cast against said bond issue.

The proposition of issuing Bridge Bonds in the sum of \$100,000 having failed to receive the necessary number of votes in its favor, on motion of Ald. Klock, it was declared duly defeated by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton, Troyer, Van Dervoort—12.

Nays—None.

Leo J. Smith and Alvin S. Potter, opponents of Robert J. Christie and Ward C. Hill, waived the twelve hours notice of the filing of a petition for re-count required by law, and the time set for re-counting the votes cast in the third and fifth wards was set for 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, November 5, 1926.

Board adjourned to meet Nov. 5, 1926, at 7:30 o'clock.

### BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan, Nov. 5, 1926.

Board of Canvassers met in adjourned session and was called to order by the Chairman, Ald. Templeton.

Roll call:

Present—Ald. Christie, Graham, Howe, Kircher, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Templeton, Van Dervoort—12.

Absent—Schroh, Smith, Troyer—3.

By Ald. Kircher—

That the Chairman appoint a committee to count the votes in the Third and Fifth Wards.

Carried.

The Chair appointed Ald. McComb, Howe, Graham and Klock.

The ballot boxes for the Third Ward and Fifth Ward were brought before the Board of Canvassers and the boxes were opened and the committee proceeded to re-count the ballots.

Upon opening the box for the Sixth Precinct of the Third Ward, the city ballots were found wrapped in an official wrapper upon which nothing was written, but a slip of paper was attached which stated that the package contained ballots on amendments. Mr. Pierce, attorney for Mr. Smith, objected to the ballots being counted and asked that the returns from the Board of Election Inspectors be used. Both can-

didates, Mr. Christie and Mr. Smith, consented to the recounting of the ballots and on the motion of Ald. Phillips, adopted unanimously, the Board proceeded to re-count the ballots from said precinct.

### REPORT OF RE-COUNTING COMMITTEE

The Committee on Re-counting ballots made the following report:

#### ALDERMAN—THIRD WARD

|                    | Christie | Smith |
|--------------------|----------|-------|
| 1st Precinct ..... | 168      | 121   |
| 2nd Precinct ..... | 253      | 152   |
| 3rd Precinct ..... | 181      | 216   |
| 4th Precinct ..... | 128      | 199   |
| 5th Precinct ..... | 194      | 154   |
| 6th Precinct ..... | 124      | 221   |

Totals ..... 1,048 1,063

#### ALDERMAN—FIFTH WARD

|                    | Hill | Potter |
|--------------------|------|--------|
| 1st Precinct ..... | 161  | 172    |
| 2nd Precinct ..... | 292  | 301    |
| 3rd Precinct ..... | 322  | 262    |
| 4th Precinct ..... | 160  | 245    |

Totals ..... 935 980

The Board of Canvassers then proceeded with the canvass of returns.

#### ALDERMAN FOR THE THIRD WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Third Ward was 2,111, of which Robert J. Christie received 1,048 votes and Leo J. Smith received 1,063.

Leo J. Smith having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. McKale, he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Third Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Graham, Howe, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Smith, Templeton—10.

Nays—None.

#### ALDERMAN FOR THE FIFTH WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Fifth Ward was 1,915, of which 935 votes were given for Ward C. Hill and 980 votes for Alvin S. Potter.

The larger number of votes having been given for Alvin S. Potter, on motion of Ald. McComb, he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Fifth Ward by the following vote:

Yeas — Ald. Christie, Graham, Howe, Klock, McComb, McKale, Phillips, Potter, Rowley, Templeton—10.

Nays—None.

The City Council acting as a Board of Canvassers adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 5, 1926.